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SURFACE MODIFICATION OF OBJECTS BY MEANS OF
A PLASMA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sirs:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 4 please insert the following heading - - BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION- -

Page 1, before line 5 please insert the following heading- -1. Field of the Invention--.

Page 1, before line 15, please insert the following heading - -2. Description of the Prior Art- -

Page 2, before line 5, please insert the following heading -SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION AND ADVANTAGES- -

Page 2, line 10, please delete "In accordance with the invention, this task is solved by the characteristics of Claim 1 for the device and the characteristics of Claim 11 for the method. Advantageous embodiments and further developments of the invention result from the use of the characteristics indicated in the subordinate claims."

Page 2, line 14, please insert the following -BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-